

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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*Claims 1-3 (Previously Withdrawn from consideration)*

4. (Previously Amended) A terminal structure of a sheathed wire, comprising:

a terminal fitting;

a terminal connecting portion at a rear end portion of the terminal fitting at which the terminal fitting and a bare conductor of the sheathed wire is connected; and

a molded portion which covers and waterproofs at least the terminal connecting portion,

wherein a circumferential size of the molded portion from a part corresponding to the terminal connecting portion is continuously reduced, so that a rear end portion of the molded portion has a same diameter as a diameter of the sheathed wire, and

wherein there is no increase in the circumferential size of the molded portion in a first direction parallel to a direction in which the terminal fitting extends, as the circumferential size of the molded portion is continuously reduced.

5. (Previously Amended) The terminal structure as set forth in claim 4, wherein a thickness of a sheathed wire side of the fusiform molded portion is continuously reduced such that an end portion thereof has a same dimension as a diameter of the sheathed wire.

6. (Previously Amended) The terminal structure as set forth in claim 4, wherein the molded portion has a plurality of alternate concave grooves and convex ribs formed thereon in a direction parallel to the first direction.

7. (Previously Added) The terminal structure as set forth in claim 4, wherein a part of the molded portion is flush with one side of the terminal connecting portion.

8. (New) The terminal structure as set forth in claim 6, wherein said plurality of alternate concave grooves and convex ribs are arranged side by side in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction